

HOMES & ANTIQUES

FEBRUARY 2013 £3.99

PAINTING, DRAWING & PRINTING

Hand-Blocked Wallpaper Making,
The Style Academy, Aberdeenshire

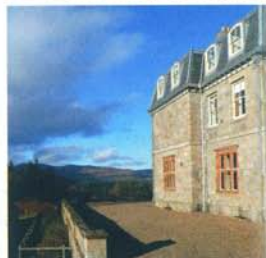
Caroline Ednie

I TEND TO GO EASY ON superlatives, but it would be difficult to describe the weekend I spent at The Style Academy's House of Glenmuick in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, learning to create hand-blocked wallpaper, without a good smattering of über-adjectives.

Our tutor for the two-day course was internationally renowned artist Hugh Dunford Wood, who encouraged us to explore the grounds of this Highland hunting lodge for inspiration. Despite not having picked up a pencil in over 20 years, a fun drawing session

led to me creating a carved lino block – and then to my first ever self-printed wallpaper.

Ensnored in the games room, log fires burning and our days punctuated by tea breaks of Darjeeling in finest Hermès china and chef-prepared meals of locally sourced produce, toiling has never been more enjoyable. What was Hugh's assessment of my eccentric design (which had been inspired, appropriately enough, by a stag's antlers)? 'Bonkers but wonderful,' he laughed. I went home happy, convinced that I'm an artist after all.



COST: £375 (exc. accommodation)

WHEN: 13th-14th April (tbc)

ADDRESS:

The Style Academy has five locations across the UK. 07787 975743; the-style-academy.com

THIS PICTURE The games room at Glenmuick, one of The Style Academy's five luxurious locations **RIGHT, FROM TOP** Printing the lino cut onto wallpaper; Glenmuick is surrounded by beautiful countryside; Caroline's design inspired by antlers (wonder why!)

